

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 11:30 a.m. Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by the Chairman.

The Chairman Cushingberry offered thanks for condolences on the passing of his mother's sister, Aunt Jean Graham. He also asked for prayers for Representative Vagnozzi.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs and Walker.

Members absent/excused: Representative Vagnozzi.

Representative Sak moved to approve the minutes from the meetings held on September 6, 2007 and September 12, 2007. Representative Moss supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry placed before the committee a House Resolution.

The Chairman made remarks regarding the resolution. The Chairman urged support of the resolution to confer the title of Speaker Emeritus to former Speaker Bobby D. Crim.

Representative Hammel moved for approval of the resolution.

Representative Gonzales supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry placed the Legislative Transfer Package before the committee:

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency.

Representative McDowell gave explanation for Community Health items. House Fiscal Analysts Sue Frey, Steve Stauff, and Bill Fairgrieve answered further questions.

Representative Spade gave explanation of Human Service transfer items. House Fiscal Analyst Bob Schneider answered further questions of the members.

Representative Gillard gave an explanation of the School Aid transfer items. House Fiscal Analysts Mary Ann Cleary and Bethany Wicksall answered further questions.

Representative Alma Smith gave an explanation of the transfer items for Corrections. House Fiscal Analyst Marilyn Peterson answered further questions.

Representative LeBlanc gave an explanation of the transfer items for State Police. House Fiscal Analyst Jan Wisniewski answered further questions.

Representative Sak moved that Representatives Brandenburg and Jackson be excused from the balance of the meeting. Representative Shaffer supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative McDowell moved that the transfer package be adopted.

Representative Alma Smith supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 25-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the committee a Reciprocal Agreement between Eastern Michigan University, Monroe County Community College, and the Ohio Board of Regents.

The Chairman recognized Kyle Jen of the House Fiscal Agency for explanation of the Reciprocal Agreement.

Representative Byrnes moved to approve the Agreement between Eastern Michigan University, Monroe County Community College, and the Ohio Board of Regents.

Representative Cheeks supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote. 26-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency for a presentation on education funding.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Vice-Chairman Gillard.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Minority Vice-Chairman Accavatti.

There being no further business before the committee, seeing no objection the committee adjourned the time being 1:15 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994